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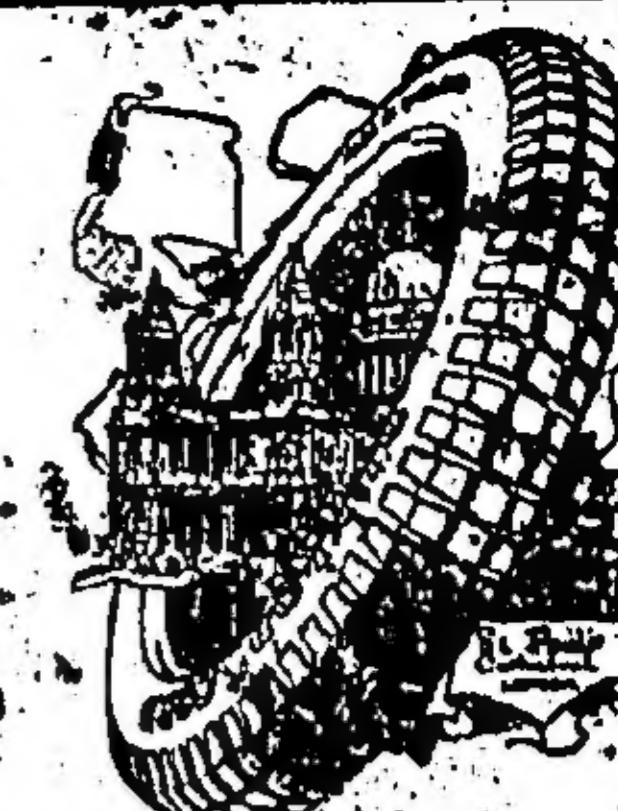
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HONG KONG, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 1931.

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LORD STAMFORDHAM PASSES AWAY.

Over Fifty Years in the Royal Service.
JUBILEE COMPLETED.

London, Yesterday.
The death occurred to-day at St. James's Palace of Baron Stamfordham, Lt.-Col. the Rt. Hon. Arthur John Bigge, Private Secretary to H.M. the King since 1910, in his eighty-second year. As a young man he took part in the Zulu War, being a captain in the Royal Artillery.—Reuter.

Record of Service.

Viscount Stamfordham, the King's principal private secretary and confidential adviser, who recently underwent an operation in London, completed fifty years of service in the Royal household this year.

As Captain Arthur Bigge, of the Royal Artillery, he was the officer deputed to accompany the late ex-Empress Eugenie of France to the scene of her son's death in Zululand. This brought him under the notice of Queen Victoria, who rewarded him for his services by appointing him, in 1881, to be one of her grooms-in-waiting.

He had not held this position long before the Queen chose him to be her private secretary in succession to Sir Henry Ponsonby, and he held this position until her death in 1901. He then passed into the service of the present King.

Early at Work.

Although Lord Stamfordham was in his eighty-first year, he was as alert and vigorous as ever, and might often be seen in the morning striding briskly along from his official residence in the precincts of St. James's Palace to his duties at Buckingham Palace, where was always early at work.

It is understood that he proposed to retire from Court as soon as he had completed his "jubilee," there, and that the King had intended to bestow on him some tangible reward for his fifty years of faithful service. The King will miss his "right hand."

His work during the war period was of a particularly exacting character. Its full value to the King and the nation will probably never be completely realised by the outside world. (See early cable on page 9).

MILITARY COSTS.

SUBSTANTIAL DECREASE IN BRITAIN.

INCREASES ELSEWHERE

Rugby, Yesterday.
Answering a question in the House of Commons to-day the Minister for War, Mr. Tom Shaw, said that preliminary figures showed that only in the case of Great Britain was there a substantial percentage decrease in 1930, compared with 1929, in national expenditure on military services. In the case of Japan there had been a small decrease, but in respect of France, Italy, the United States, and Russia there were increases. British Wireless Service.

SIR J. SALMOND.

FLIGHT FROM MARSEILLES TO MALTA.

Rugby, Yesterday.
The Air Chief Marshal, Sir John Salmond, who is to make an inspection tour of Air Force Stations in Malta, Egypt, Palestine, and trans-Jordan, arrived in Malta this afternoon in one of two biplane flying boats which flew 780 miles from Marseilles in 7½ hours. British Wireless Service.

BRITAIN & CHINA.

EXTRALITY REPORTS OFFICIALLY DENIED

Nanking, To-day.
Replying to enquiries regarding widespread reports that the extra-territorial negotiations between Great Britain and China has reached a deadlock, Sir Miles Lampson, the British Ambassador, stated that these reports are not true. The conversations have merely been suspended over the Easter holidays. Dr. C. G. Wang, Foreign Minister, also denies that the negotiations have resulted in deadlock.—Reuter.

DISASTER TO THE R101

OPINION OF THE EXPERTS.

POSSIBLE CAUSES

NO FAILURE OF CONTROL GEAR.

Rugby, Yesterday.

The report on the disaster of the R101, which was destroyed in France when all but eight of 54 people on board perished instantly in flames, is unanimous.

It offers no opinion on the future of airships, recognising that it is for others to determine whether the experiment should be further pursued, and it is devoted entirely to the course and cause of the specific event.

For this purpose important features in construction and subsequent modifications and reconstruction of the vessel, together with the history of its former flights, are carefully examined.

Definite Facts.

Discussing the cause of the disaster the Court started with a series of definitely ascertained facts which the inquiry established as follows:

When the watch was changed at 2 a.m. there was no cause for immediate alarm known to those in charge of the navigation of the ship. The vessel must have been at least 1,000 feet above the ground. The ground itself at this point is two or three hundred feet above sea level. At 2 a.m. the elevator wheel would be handed over to another height coxswain, who would not at once get the feel of the ship. The weather was exceedingly bad. The ship in her trials had lost gas at an abnormal rate, certainly by the wearing of the holes in the gasbags and perhaps through her valves when she rolled.

Failed to Keep Height.

On the Indian journey she had rolled more than ever before, and had failed to keep the height as the Officer of Watch intended at an earlier period. If she was becoming increasingly heavy, this could be counter-acted by a suitable lift of the elevator, but in very bumpy weather it would be more difficult to detect the rate and extent of the change.

All her engines had been running satisfactorily at a cruising speed for a considerable time right down to 2 a.m. This ought to give a speed through the air of a little over 50 knots. The course of the vessel was not directly in the teeth of the wind, and her speed over the ground might be expected to be 15 to 20 miles per hour.

Descended Rapidly.

In these circumstances at about 2.5 her nose dropped, and she continued in this position for about 30 seconds, descending rapidly. Her pitch downward was sufficiently severe to wake up a man who was asleep in his bunk and to cause things to slide to the lower end of the smoke-room.

The height coxswain, by putting his elevator up, succeeded at length in bringing the ship again to about even keel, but she remained in this position only for a few seconds. At about the time when it appeared that she was not further responding to the elevator so as to recover her height, the Officer of the Watch gave orders through the engine-room telegraph to reduce speed.

About two moments the vessel got into a second steep dive which lasted for only a few seconds before she struck earth. The impact was not severe.

Vessel Could Recover.

The slowing down of the engines, combined with the warning given by the crew, is only consistent with the view, having been taken that the vessel could recover. Apart from reducing speed, the only other action that could be instantly taken to lighten the impact would be to drop such ballast as could be released from the control car. Releasing the ballast in the nose of the ship, which could not be automatically controlled, was, however, an impossible operation, and the order was given to do this

PUBLIC EMPLOYEES IN TROUBLE.

Water Works Inspector in Court.

BAILIFF CHARGED.

A Chinese Water Works Inspector, Li Lu-ung, who has been in the employment of the P.W.D. since November, 1924, appeared before Mr. E. W. Hamilton in the Kowloon Police Court this morning charged with unlawfully obtaining \$80 from Ho Kam-lin, by saying that he would expedite the laying of water service to the latter's property at Nos. 201, 203, 207, and 209, Tong Mei Road, Shamshui-poo, in February.

An additional charge of obtaining money from Ho Kam-lin by implying that he had been authorised by a European official to collect \$50, with a view to influencing the laying of a water service to certain houses was also preferred.

Mr. Loo-shey appeared for the defence, and a week's remand was granted, bail of \$500 being allowed.

Official Received Prosecutes.

Serious charges were preferred against Wong Sik, a bailiff of the Supreme Court, before Mr. E. H. Williams in the Central Police Court this morning, namely:—(a)

That he at 24, Wing Wo Street, on March 30, being a person entrusted with others with certain property, namely, six sacks of iron castings, in order that he might retain the same in safe custody, fraudulently did convert the same to his own or benefit; (b) that he on March 30 did steal six sacks of iron castings.

The complainant on the charge sheet was stated as the Official Receiver, who was represented in Court by Mr. H. J. Millington (head bailiff).

Mr. F. X. d'Almada, jun., appeared for the accused and asked for a remand.

His Worship fixed the hearing of the case for April 9, at 2.15 p.m. and allowed bail in the sum of \$500.

The fire did not break out till after the ship struck ground.

Numbers of Explanations.

First among the explanations definitely reported by the Court is any idea that the vessel, from internal weakness, broke up in the air.

Secondly, the explanation is set aside that there was any failure of the control gear.

Thirdly, the Court reaches the conclusion that the accident could not be explained solely by reference to abnormal weather conditions, although the weather was the predisposing cause.

Fourthly, there is no reason to attribute the accident to any failure in the competence of the officers or crew, but in view of the recent change of watch and of the prevailing weather it may well have been impossible to bring the ship rapidly back to a horizontal position if her nose was forced down in the way suggested.

Fifthly, the longitudinal gasbag movement is so limited in extent that by itself it is quite insufficient to account for the serious loss of control, even in tempestuous conditions.

Substantial Loss of Gas.

The experts who gave evidence believe that the explanation of the disaster must be associated with the substantial loss of gas, and the report discusses whether the loss was general throughout the length of the ship or chiefly concentrated in the fore-part. Was the loss gradual or due to a sudden catastrophe which would empty the forward gasbag immediately before the final dive? Or, is the explanation of the gradual loss spread over the considerable catastrophic loss?

After examining the views of the experts on these points, the Court reaches the conclusion that there were three phases in the final movements of the R101.

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THE SILVER ENQUIRY.

CURRENCY EXPERTS IN COLONY.

MEETING TO-DAY.

INTERVIEW WITH THE GOVERNOR.

Mr. P. H. Emanuel, C.M.G., and Mr. G. L. M. Clauson, O.B.E. (Secretary), two of the members of the Currency Commission which was appointed by the Colonial Office recently to enquire into the currency affairs of Hong Kong, arrived in the Colony this morning on board the N.Y.K. s.s. Wakasa Maru. Mr. W. H. Clegg, the leader of the Commission, is expected shortly. They are at present staying at the Peninsula Hotel, Kowloon.

Long Conference.

The China Mail understands that Mr. Ezechiel and Mr. Clauson had a long conference this morning with His Excellency the Governor, Sir William Peel, K.C.M.G., and the Colonial Treasurer (the Hon. Mr. C. M. Messer) and other officials, to dis-

cuss the preliminary steps to be taken by the Commission in their enquiry. It is understood that they remained to till at Government House.

The recently issued Memorandum and other data drawn up by the local Currency Committee will be placed before the Commissioners, who will have interviews with the leading bankers and others who sat on the Committee appointed last year.

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TERRIFIC 'QUAKE IN NICARAGUA.

DESTRUCTION OF CITY OF MANAGUA.

OVER 1,000 DEATHS.

Panama City, Yesterday.

A terrific earthquake has destroyed the city of Managua. The new houses left standing are on fire.

Fire Spreading.

New York, Yesterday.

The earthquake at Managua, which occurred at 10.30 a.m. yesterday, was short and sharp. At least 40 persons were killed, in addition to the collapse of the majority of buildings. The local wireless station, which has transferred its quarters five miles outside the City, reports that fire broke out in the Market Square and is travelling rapidly westwards. It will probably finish this job.

President Hoover has ordered the American Red Cross to organise relief immediately.

Death Toll Mounts.

Over 400 persons were killed in Managua, according to an estimate of the tropical radio station at Miami, and at least 35 were incinerated in the collapse of flaming buildings in the centre of the town.

National Guardsmen's efforts to check the path of the flames were frustrated by the exhaustion of the stocks of dynamite.

Navy to the Rescue.

The Navy Department has ordered four naval vessels to proceed to Nicaraguan waters, including an aircraft carrier.

Thousands Injured.

Shanghai, To-day.

The French airmen, Burton and Moenche, who are on their way back to Paris, left here at 1.30 a.m. to-day, and are due in Hong Kong at 1 p.m.—Reuter.

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According to the latest advices the death toll in Managua is 1,000 while it is estimated that several thousands were injured, including a number of American women and children and their relatives, and business and Army men.

The British and American Legations have been incinerated and all the Government offices wrecked. Most of the banks, shops and offices have been burned down.—Reuter's American Service.

Managua is the capital of the Republic of Nicaragua and the seat of Government and has a total population of 32,536 inhabitants.

The Constitution of the Republic came into being on April 5, 1913. The people are principally of mixed Spanish and Indian extraction, with Negroes from Jamaica and other Islands of the Caribbean, with some Americans. The prevailing religion is Roman Catholic, the cathedral and seat of the Archbishop being in Managua.

Planes Rushed To Scene.

New York, Later.

Rear Admiral Smith is leaving Balboa to-night aboard the flagship Rochester for Corinto, Port Mancu, where he is expected to arrive on Friday. Two Naval transport planes have been ordered to take off immediately from Balboa for Managua with doctors and medical stores. The giant aircraft carrier Lexington is already flying at full speed from Guantanamo, Cuba, to Bluefields, on the east coast of Nicaragua, whence further planes will be despatched to Managua with medical assistance.—Reuter's American Service

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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale.	Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements.	Contains in Square Feet.	Annual Rent.	Upset Price.
1	Reg. No. 245.	North of Kowloon Island, at Junction of Fa Yuen Street and Hai Hau Street.	N. S. E. W. ft. ft. ft. ft. As per sale plan.	about	\$	18,410 338

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C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 28th March, 1931.

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By Order of the Board.

C. F. V. RISEIRO,
Acting Secretary.

Hong Kong, 23rd March, 1931.

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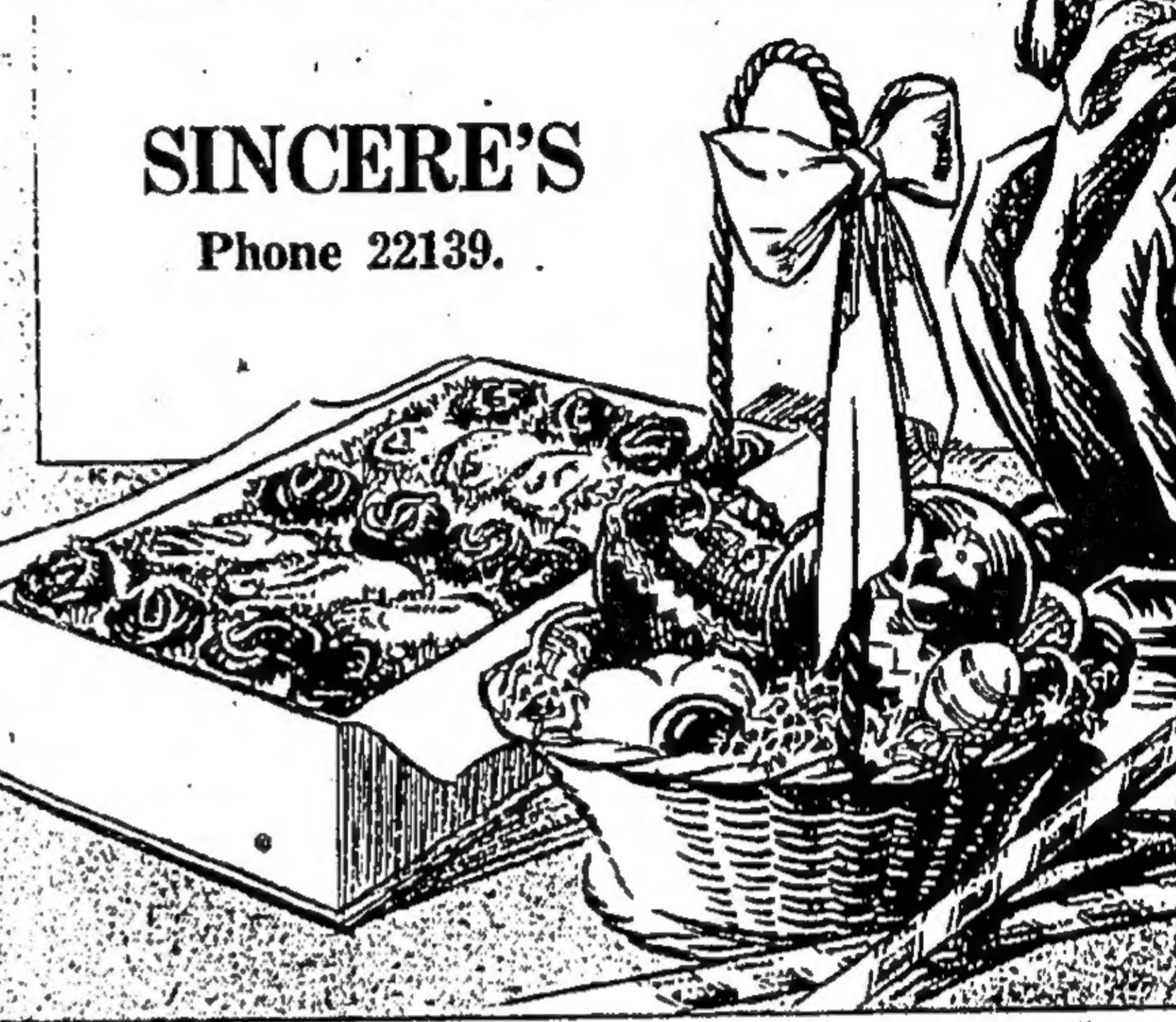
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MELBOURNE via Manila, Brisbane & Sydney.	Brisbane Maru Tues., 7th Apr.
CALCUTTA via Singapore Belawan Deli & Rangoon.	Burma Maru Thurs., 2nd Apr.
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KEELUNG via Swatow & Amoy (Every Sunday Noon).	Hozan Maru Sun., 5th Apr.
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LAUNCH OF FERRY BOAT.

Messrs. W. S. Bailey & Co., Ltd., have launched from their Yard at Kowloon a steel ferry boat of 90 feet to order of the Hong Kong & New Territories Ferry Co., Ltd.

The vessel is fitted with Gardner engines of 152 horse power, and the construction was supervised by Messrs. B. A. Purves & Co., consulting engineers to the owners.

ARRIVALS OF SHIPS.

Tuesday, March 31.
Autolycus, British str., 4,859 tons, Captain T. B. Nelson, from Shanghai, buoy No. A6—B. & S.

Canada Maru, Japanese str., 3,552 tons, Capt. K. Yugeta, from Moji, buoy No. A7—O.S.K.

Cremer, Dutch str., 2,784 tons, Capt. G. J. Harmse, from Singapore, buoy No. A5—J.C.J.L.

D'Artagnan, French str., 18,104 tons, Capt. Maloussena, from Yokohama and Shanghai, Kowloon Wharf—M.M.

Kainpol, British str., 1,246 tons, Capt. J. Baldwin, from Whampoa, Yaumati Anchorage, Williamson & Co.

Kittawa, British str., 708 tons, Captain J. Crosthwaite, from Kamfa, Yaumati Anchorage, Sze Wai S.S. Co.

Selandia, Danish str., 3,163 tons, Capt. Christensen, from Bangkok, Kowloon Wharf—John Manners & Co.

Tjinegara, Dutch str., 5,783 tons, Captain Weide, from Batavia, buoy No. A1—J.C.J.L.

Toba Maru, Japanese str., 4,283 tons, Capt. Y. Matubo, from Manila, buoy No. A8—N.Y.K.

Tokushima Maru, Japanese str., 3,703 tons, Capt. S. Kameyama, from Karatsu, buoy No. A3—N.Y.K.

Yasan Maru, Japanese str., 2,296 tons, Captain T. Misumi, from Keelung, buoy No. B23—M.B.K.

QUEER CARGOES.

The river steamer is lying alongside at Bagdad, and as the Captain emerges from his cabin, day is breaking over the old city. Out of warm masses of purple shadow minarets spring upward like fingers of fire, and the domes gradually become visible, in all their splendour of blue porcelain, writes a river master in the Evening News.

The vessel is a stern-wheeler, and with the barges she tows alongside, will be able to carry about six hundred passengers.

Across the lighters from the shore flows an endless stream of passengers and their friends; Kurdish coolies are rolling bales of carpets aboard; Arab shippers are shouting.

Persians in their bowl-like felt hats, Arab in spotless clothing, Jewesses in their brightly-coloured "abbayas," their faces covered, go to make up the scene.

At last the Captain, the only white man on board, rings "Stand by," and gives a long blast on the steam-whistle.

Once clear of Bagdad the little vessel speeds on her way—past the Jewish quarter of Karada, where veils are slightly drawn from dark eyes to watch her passing; on past the great Arch of Ctesiphon, and the houses of rich Arab merchants, out in the Tigris, with its date gardens, its sand storms, and almost unbearable heat.

Each tiny village bursts into activity as the river boat is sighted. Vendors of fish, melons and native bread swarm on board, while the male passengers rush ashore for coffee and "arrack" in the little, carpet-strewn, Arab shop. Sheep are embarked here, wool loaded there, passengers come and go . . . until one day, in the morning mist, the masts and funnels of large steamers are sighted. Basra has been reached.

ENGINEER'S BRAVERY.

Praising the bravery of the crew of the British steamer Queensmoor which was burned off Aden on Dec. 27 last, the crew of the Roosevelt Line cargo steamer Jeff Davis, who rescued them, state that the engineers and firemen of the Queensmoor remained below and kept the engines going until the bulkheads were so hot that the men's hair was singed and they were forced to go on deck.

IN SOUTH SEAS.

EXPERIENCES OF BOLTON SHIP'S OFFICER.

Considering that Bolton is an inland town there are a surprising number of links that bind her to the sea.

One of these—if one may use the term in referring to a person—has just returned to Bolton after three years at sea. He is Mr. Raymond F. Legat, who is at present staying with relatives at 47, Beechfield Road, Smithills. Mr. Legat is the third officer of the Clan Ross, which returned to English waters after a nine months' voyage in and about the South Seas.

Interviewed by a Bolton Evening News representative, Mr. Legat told an absorbing story of his travels during the last few years. He received his early education at the Church Institute. Later he had two years on the cadet ship Conway in the Mersey. Leaving here he joined the Clan Line as an apprentice. His first ship was the Clan Alpine, but later he left her and was appointed to the Clan Ross. From here the story of his voyages reads like a page from a geography book! The South African coastal ports and Calcutta, Bombay, Madras, Colombo, Singapore, Batavia, he has visited several times, whilst the majority of the South Sea Islands are familiar to him. They are not really what one would expect after Mr. Stacpool's novels.

Not Like The Book.

"Where I expected palm trees and peaceful lagoons and beaches I found policemen and motor-cars!" he laughed, "but Apia, where I had the opportunity of inspecting the tomb of Robert Louis Stevenson, is the loveliest spot I ever saw."

Questioned regarding the prospects of emigrants to Africa and the East, Mr. Legat said: "They are quite good. If a man goes out and he is determined to succeed, willing to work, and is not afraid of a little discomfort, he has a good chance of real success. I should recommend the Rhodesian Mounted Police as a good opening, whilst there are generally excellent prospects for craftsmen in the shipyards of Calcutta. The Belgian and French Congo offer many opportunities to the right type of man. And there are many openings at sea. I should advise any young man who is keen on the sea to take up an apprenticeship in either the Clan or the Blue Funnel Lines."

Mr. Legat was also of the opinion that a great many white men could be employed on British ships in place of the present native crews. Although they would require larger wages than the natives, the cost would even itself out because of the fact that fewer whites could do the same amount of work as the native crews, who are naturally lazy. For instance, the Clan Ross carries 72 natives. Mr. Legat believes that 35 white men would do the work.

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following British warships were in harbour to-day:

Bridgewater—No. 7 buoy.

Bruce—No. 8 buoy.

Cumberland—in Whampoa dock.

Hornet—No. 1 buoy.

Iroquois—South wall.

Marazan—No. 12 buoy.

Medway—No. 2 buoy.

Moth—South wall.

Osiris—East wall.

Oswald—East wall.

Petersfield—No. 8 buoy.

Sandwich—No. 5 buoy.

Serapis—West wall.

Sir Lancelot—No. 11 buoy.

Somme—No. 10 buoy.

Steeling—No. 11 buoy.

Suffolk—North arm.

Tamar—in basin.

Foreign Man-of-War.

Mindanao—French gunboat.

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			1931.
*EMIRZAPORE	6,715	8th Apr.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay, Mars., L'don, Hull, R'dam & A'werp Marseilles & London.
*KARMALA	9,128	11th Apr.	Mars., L'don, Hull, R'dam & A'werp Mars., L'don, Hull, R'dam & A'werp Mars., London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
RAJPUTANA	16,555	25th Apr.	Mars., L'don, Hull, R'dam & A'werp Mars., London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
*SOUUDAN	—	2nd May	Mars., L'don, Hull, R'dam & A'werp Mars., London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
*KINDERPORE	5,334	5th May	Mars., L'don, Hull, R'dam & A'werp Mars., L'don, Hull, R'dam & A'werp Mars., London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
KALYAN	9,141	9th May	Mars., L'don, Hull, R'dam & A'werp Mars., London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
COMORIN	15,192	23rd May	Mars., L'don, Hull, R'dam & A'werp Mars., London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
*BURDWAN	—	30th May	Mars., L'don, Hull, R'dam & A'werp Mars., London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
KASHMIR	8,985	6th June	Mars., L'don, Hull, R'dam & A'werp Mars., London, Hull, R'dam & A'werp Mars., London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
RANIPURA	16,401	20th June	Mars., L'don, Hull, R'dam & A'werp Mars., London, Hull, R'dam & A'werp Mars., London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
KASHGAR	9,005	4th July	Mars., L'don, Hull, R'dam & A'werp Mars., London, Hull, R'dam & A'werp Mars., London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
RAWALPINDI	16,619	18th July	Mars., L'don, Hull, R'dam & A'werp Mars., London, Hull, R'dam & A'werp Mars., London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
KHYBER	2,114	1st Aug.	Mars., L'don, Hull, R'dam & A'werp Mars., London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
SOMALI	—	—	Mars., L'don, Hull, R'dam & A'werp Mars., London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
RAJPUTANA	10,568	15th Aug.	Mars., L'don, Hull, R'dam & A'werp Mars., London, Hull, R'dam & A'werp Mars., London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
*KARMALA	9,128	29th Aug.	Mars., L'don, Hull, R'dam & A'werp Mars., London, Hull, R'dam & A'werp Mars., London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
CATHAY	16,121	12th Sept.	Mars., L'don, Hull, R'dam & A'werp Mars., London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
*SOUUDAN	—	19th Sept.	Mars., L'don, Hull, R'dam & A'werp Mars., London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
KALYAN	9,144	23rd Sept.	Mars., L'don, Hull, R'dam & A'werp Mars., London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
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		11th n.m.	
TALMA	10,000	18th Apr.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
TAKADA	6,949	3rd May	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
SIRDHANA	7,745	10th May	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
TILAWA	10,000	27th May	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.

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ST. ALBANS	6,956	30th May	
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KALYAN	9,144	6th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama, Amoy, Shai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
TAKADA	6,949	11th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama, Amoy, Shai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
BURDWAN	—	17th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama, Amoy, Shai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
SHDHANA	7,745	24th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama, Amoy, Shai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
COMORIN	15,192	24th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama, Amoy, Shai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
TILAWA	10,000	8th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama, Amoy, Shai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
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TANDA	6,956	8th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama, Amoy, Shai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
RANIPURA	16,601	22nd May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama, Amoy, Shai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
SANTHIA	7,745	24th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama, Amoy, Shai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
KASHGAR	9,005	5th June	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama, Amoy, Shai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
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5-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.
7-11 p.m.—European Programme of Columbia Records kindly supplied by Messrs. Anderson Music Co.

7-7.36 p.m.—Band Selections.

La Benediction Des Pignards (Meyerbeer).

La Reine the Gentle Lark (Bishop). Regimental Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards (1922).

The Skaters (Waldteufel). Regimental Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards (0463).

By the Blue Hawaiian Waters (Ketelby). Jungle Drums (Ketelby).

Regimental Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards (9411).

Barcarolle (Tschitschikowsky). Value Creole (Tschitschikowsky).

Regimental Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards (9382).

7-7.36-8.20 p.m.—Concert Items.

8 p.m.—Weather Report, Local Time, etc.

Organ Solo—Ballad Memories (arr. MacLean), Quinton M. MacLean (DX155).

Song—The Kerry Dancer (Molloy), Doris Vane, Soprano (DX157).

Song—The Bay of Biscay (Cherry & Davy), Tom Bowring (Dibdin), William Hazeltine, Tenor (DX70).

Octet—Chant Sans Parole (Tschitschikowsky, arr. Scarr), Invitation to the Valze (Weber, arr. Scarr), J. H. Squire Celeste Octet (9608).

Song—Roll On, Thou Deep and Dark Blue Ocean (Dale & Petrie), Norman Allin, Bass (9807).

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March 31 to April 6, 1931.

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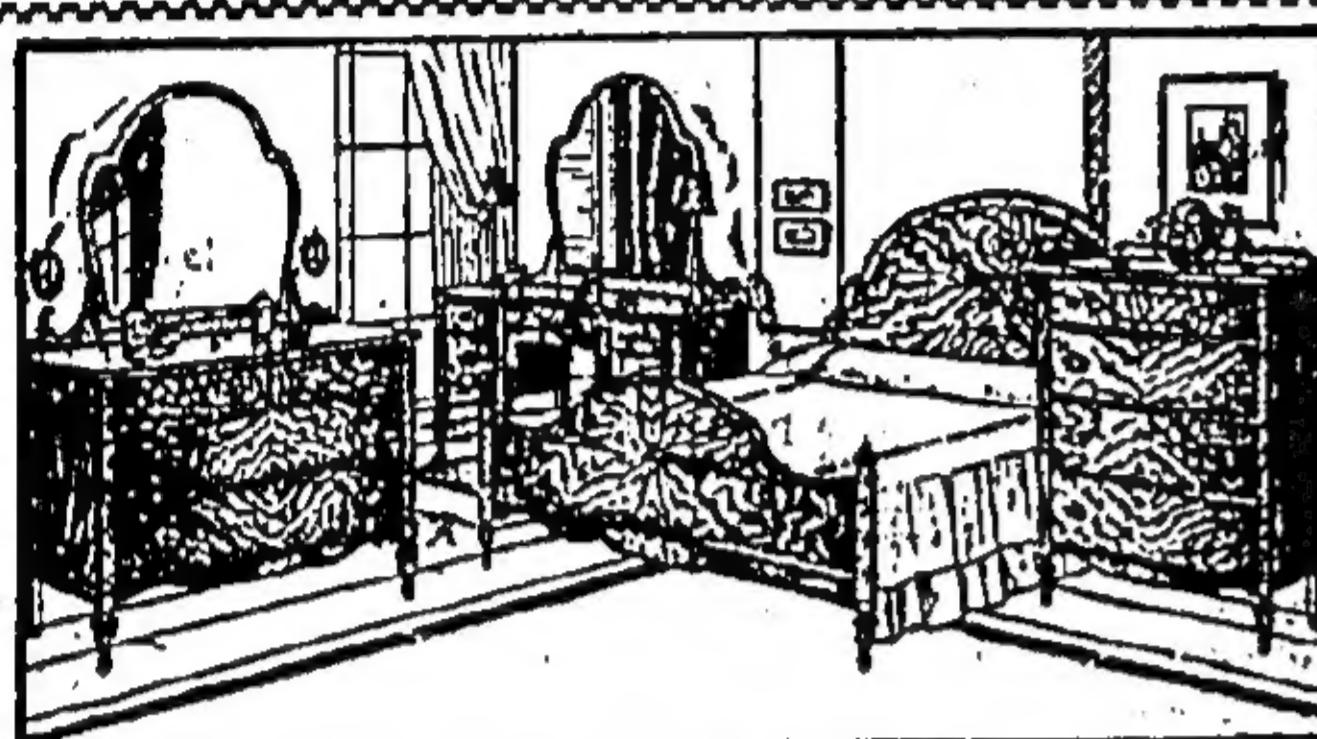
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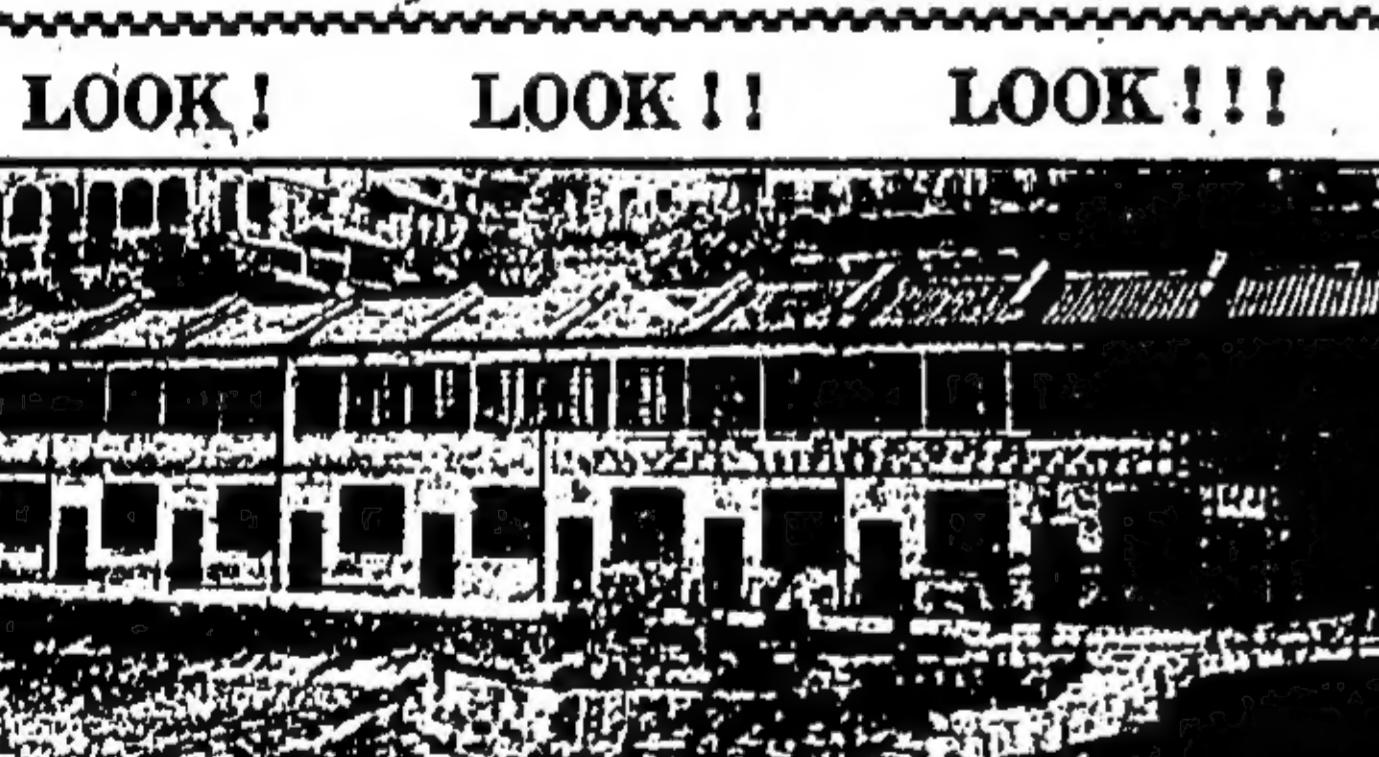
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Hong Kong, Wednesday, April 1, 1931.

PARISH PUMP.

The dignity of the Legislative Council is to be impaired by the introduction, at its meeting tomorrow, of parish pump topics. The sedate assembly of legislators is to be invited to forget its lofty mission as a legislature and descend to a consideration of such petty civic matters as the public lighting of roads in Kowloon and facilities at public bathing beaches. As the question of dumping bodies in Hong Kong streets has been described by an M.P. as more suitable for the Grand Guignol than for the House of Commons, so might it be said of lighting of roads and bathing beaches — that they are more suitable for a Residents' Association meeting than the Legislative Council. There are Residents' Associations on the Peak, the Mid-Levels, and Kowloon, any of which could be trusted to deal with the two questions on the agenda of the Legislative Council and to make the necessary representations to the Government.

The matter of better lighting of roads in Kowloon is one of a purely parochial nature. The question of a reduction (or otherwise) of facilities to residents at public bathing beaches is one that should be tackled by a conference of delegates of all the Residents' Associations in the absence of a permanent central body fully representative of the areas with or without Residents' Associations to champion causes common to the whole Colony.

Moreover, that a public body such as the Legislative Council

should be asked to fritter away its time on petty parochial matters emphasises the need for an expansion of the constitution of the Sanitary Board — if, that is, we are to be ever denied the privilege of a Municipal Council on the lines of those existing in the Straits Settlements. Also, it emphasises that the time is approaching when grave attention must be paid to the advisability of creating urban and rural Boards in Kowloon and the New Territories to whom could be given power to deal with the purely civic problems affecting the mainland. The scope afforded one Sanitary Board is altogether too limited. The activities of the various Government Departments are much too great, considering especially the phenomenal development of the Peninsula. An increase in the jurisdiction of the Sanitary Board and a reduction in that of the Government Departments seems to point to a workable compromise in the absence of any Municipal Council or Rural Boards. Perhaps when the reports of the Retrenchment Committee and the Currency Commissioners have been solemnly placed in the archives of officialdom, a little attention may be given to finding a happier method of disposing of parish pump politics than by lowering the dignity and prestige of the Legislative Council!

News in Brief.

Mr. W. A. Cornell has been admitted a partner in the Hong Kong branch of Messrs. Palmer and Turner.

The Netherlands India Commercial Bank advertises that their office will be removed to No. 5 Des Voeux Road Central, as from April 7.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Joao Francisco Vieira Ribeiro, of 2, Minden Avenue, Kowloon, and Maria Luiza Remedios, of 2, Jordan Road, Kowloon.

The annual dinner of the Law and Commerce Society of the Hong Kong University is to be held in Lane, Crawford's Restaurant on Saturday, April 11, at 8.30 p.m.

Messrs. Macklinson & Co. advertise that Messrs. M. T. Johnson and H. V. Wilkinson have been admitted partners of their firm in Hong Kong and Shanghai.

At the meeting of the Sanitary Board yesterday, the following were appointed on a Committee to consider the proposed changes in the Estimates of the Sanitary Department for the present year: Dr. W. V. MacKintosh, Dr. R. A. de Castro, Sir Victor S. Sassoon, and Mr. M. K. Lo, and Mr. T. N. Chan.

We are informed by the Registrar that the meeting of the Court of the University has, for unavoidable reasons, been postponed until 5.15 p.m. on Monday, April 27. The meeting will be held in the University.

A painter named Yip Hung (21) was taken to the Government Civil Hospital suffering from injuries to his head and hands, resulting from a fall off a scaffold whilst painting the outside of No. 236, Queen's Road West, first floor.

A Chinese woman, Kwong Mu, was arrested at Yaumati Railway Station in possession of 6,012 Canton po pui lottery tickets, valued at \$2,661. In the Kowloon Police Court to-day, she was fined \$50 or one month's imprisonment.

Found in a dwelling house at 35, Portland Street at 12.15 a.m., and unable to give a reasonable explanation for being there, a Chinese, Cheung King, was sent to the Kowloon Police Court to-day sent to jail for three months.

An official notice has been issued to the effect that Captain Parry, of H.M.S. *Vindictive*, is promoted to the conventional fineness of 985 and is Rear-Admiral, and has been placed on the retired list. H.M.S. *Vindictive* left Sheerness on March 6 for trooping duties in the Far East.

A brown chow dog, belonging to Pun O, of 146 Lockhart Road, has been taken to Kennedy Town for observation. It bit a Japanese woman, F. Takama, who resides at 404 Hennessey Road. She was treated in the Moshima Hospital, Wan Chai.

Unlawful possession of 106 lb. of Chinese tobacco on which duty had not been paid, at No. 12, Prince Edward Road, was fined \$1,100 with the option of six months' hard labour, when he appeared in the Kowloon Police Court to-day.

Cheung Yu-man (22), stated to have no fixed place of abode, is now lying in the Government Civil Hospital in a serious condition, as the result of a stab wound in the left shoulder alleged to have been inflicted by Li Hi (16), also of no fixed address. The latter is suffering from a cut in the head, which is alleged to have been inflicted by Cheung. The men had apparently quarrelled.

An inquiry into the death of an old Chinese woman, who was knocked down by a motor cycle driven by Mr. Lee Wing-chan, a clerk at the Dollar Steamship Co. at the junction of Des Voeux Road Central and Ice House Street, on March 22, was held yesterday by Mr. E. Williams (as Coroner) and a jury. Dr. G. H. Thomas said that death was due to a fractured skull and injuries to the brain. A verdict of "Accidental Death" was returned, the jury attaching no blame to the driver.

FLYING IN INDIA.

Amazing Progress of Civil Aviation.

New Delhi, Jan. 22.

Civil aviation in India is progressing by leaps and bounds, according to speakers at a dinner given last night by the Aero Club of India and Burma and the Delhi Flying Club to Col. F. C. Shelmerdine, the retiring Director of Civil Aviation.

Col. Shelmerdine is leaving for

England to-morrow to succeed Sir Sefton Brancker (who was killed in the RIO1 disaster) as Director of Civil Aviation in Great Britain.

When Col. Shelmerdine came out

in 1927, there was not an aeroplane

on the Indian register. Now there

are 66. The flying clubs have put

in 11,000 hours' flying.

This is a fine achievement, and

Col. Shelmerdine has grounds for

satisfaction. With him in London,

sympathetic liaison between India

and England in civil aviation

should be secure.

Sir Victor Sassoon, who presided,

said he had never known any

one like Sir Sefton Brancker, but

he knew no one who was so well

qualified to succeed him as Col.

Shelmerdine. With a perhaps sub-

conscious memory that the name

Shelmerdine figures in Michael

Arlen's novels, he described Col.

and Mrs. Shelmerdine as "these

charming people."

Sir John Thompson, the Chief

Commissioner, who is president of

the Delhi Flying Club, proposing

the toast of Col. and Mrs. Shelmer-

dine, was amused his audience by de-

claring that every member of the

club had the satisfaction of know-

ing that in knowledge of flying

and desire to encounter its perils,

he excelled the president, but Sir

John yielded to none in his admira-

tion for what their Directors of

Civil Aviation had done for them,

and proceeded to prove his words.

Col. Shelmerdine, in replying

to the toast, said that when they

paid the silver they reckoned 125

Chauping taels weight of bar

silver 988 fine.

Buying and Selling.

In considering this convention, we

have to remember what I have al-

ready stated, that when they buy

the silver they reckoned 125 Chau-

ping taels weight of 100 Canton

taels.

When they pay for it by de-

livering the silver they reckon only

SOME SIDELIGHTS ON SILVER.

Subject for Prayer and Fasting.

SECRETS OF SYCEE.

Mr. G. Champkin, in the course of a witty address before the Rotary Club of Hong Kong at the weekly tiffin yesterday dealt in an original manner with the subject of silver, his subject being "This Silver Business."

Mr. Champkin, who caused much amusement with his comments regarding the Chinese tael, nevertheless gave an interesting exposition of the currency problem in China.

Mr. Champkin, after stating that in some respects he might feel an unctuous satisfaction in the reflection that he stood, as it were, in local parentis to the local Rotary Club, said that he wished to make it clear that what he knew about currency entirely concerned other people's hounds.

Unsolved Mysteries.

Theoretically, a monetary tael of bar silver 988 fine is not a permanent rate. It is true that being merely a rate for the conversion of one kind of silver into another it should be permanent, but it changes with the price of charcoal that is extensively used in the remelting process.

It has also been known to change for other reasons.

I view with grave concern the anniversary of the Battle of Salamanca coinciding this year with the Feast of Singing Insects and I shall watch closely the effect this has on the conversion rate.

A Difficult Subject.

Gentlemen, I have said enough about sycee in China to convince you, I hope, that it is a subject more fit for prayer and fasting than for half an hour's consideration after tiffin. With all its peculiarities it is deserving of respect.

In conclusion, Mr. Champkin paid tribute to the late Mr. Stephen, of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank, whom he termed the ablest and greatest manager of our times.

102.4 is the equivalent. Also in the formula they use to arrive at the conversion rate of 110.90 they allow only 1 per cent. for the superior fineness of bar silver over sycee. As the latter is reduced by copper alloy to about 985 fine, this allowance assumes that bar silver is about 995 fine instead of 988 fine. So here we have another slight difference.

If we export sycee for remelting into bar silver, and base our outcome upon the certified markings of the

BISHOP DEFENDS FAITH-HEALING.

Church Support for Laying-on of Hands. "FANTASTIC" SCIENCE.

A resolution in favour of faith healing was carried with an overwhelming majority by the Lower House of the Convocation of Canterbury.

The resolution asked the Archbishop of Canterbury to appoint a joint committee to draw up a provisional service or services for the laying-on of hands.

It was moved by Prebendary C. Harris, of South Leigh, Oxfordshire, and it pointed out that the primitive rites of anointing and laying hands upon the sick with a view to their recovery were in ex-



WHEN HIS FIRST CAR WAS NEW.—*Passing Show*, London.

tensive use—for the most part with full Episcopal approval. Favourable recognition had been accorded to them by the Lambeth Conference.

Dr. Darwell Stone moved an amendment to omit the words "with a view to their recovery" in favour of "spiritual benefit and bodily healing."

Prebendary Harris accepted the amendment. He said that when he framed the resolution he was thinking quite as much of the soul as of the sickness of the body.

The Rev. T. F. Monahan said: "We cannot lose sight of the fact that a great deal of so-called faith-healing is due to natural causes and the faith that is necessary is subjective faith rather than objective faith. That is why we see so many cures in what is called Christian Science."

"I do not suppose that there is any more fantastic theory than that of Christian Science, founded as it is on the theory that the body has no existence and therefore pain cannot exist."

"And yet, I suppose, there is no means of faith healing which has been more successful in many respects than Christian Science."

Canon King welcomed the movement. "One finds," he said, "that there is a general belief that anything in the nature of spiritual healing is purely fantastic."

"It is positively heart breaking to feel that there is this tremendous power locked up in the Church which cannot be brought into general use unless we get some official recognition in the form of an office, because that only, I think, could break down the opposition."

The Incredulous Doctor.

"Only a fortnight ago I was speaking to a doctor and happened incidentally to mention that I had been engaged in anointing the sick, and he looked up, and in the most incredulous manner said: 'You don't mean to say you think it is any good?'

"I said: 'No, I do not think it is any good. I know it.'"

"The doctor replied, 'You cannot do anything in the case of organic disease; it is impossible,' and that is the attitude of the medical profession generally."

Canon King said every doctor to whom he had spoken pooh-poohed it.

The Bishop of Woolwich, supporting the resolution, said:

"We are not in antagonism to medical science. There is no conflict with the doctors. What we do feel is that if healing is only attempted on the physical plane it will not take us far."

"Medical men are realising more and more the necessity of spiritual agency in their work."

"The doctors are perfectly willing to co-operate with us, and it is that co-operation which we want to bring about."

"We sing 'Thy touch has still its ancient power,' but the question is: will our people really believe it?"

"Christian Science grows and has grown because of neglect in our Church."

"We have a wonderful opportunity now, and I hope the House will accept the resolution and will ask the assistance of the bishops in the matter."

The Archdeacon of Hastings said he had used the anointing of the sick twice.

In both cases there was great spiritual comfort and value and added peace of mind, but bodily healing did not follow.

At the same time, he felt the anointing was not in vain.

The Toronto Industrial Commission announces an important new industry. Eastern Power Devices Limited, formerly distributors for Canada of high tension disconnecting switch equipment manufactured by the Railway and Industrial Engineering Company of Greensburg, Pa., has been reorganized and will now completely manufacture these products in Toronto.

Conviction Quashed.

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he do so, that cruising with a piratical object by itself rendered a pirate liable to be punished by international law in national Courts. Still less that the status and reputation of a pirate was such as to render him amenable to the Court. It had been agreed by the learned Attorney-General that in order to constitute the crime of piracy for the purpose of these proceedings there must have been present not only a piratical mind but also a piratical act.

Study of Statutes. This inquiry might be usefully prosecuted in order to ascertain the nature of the act by the study of statutes passed in England to supplement the common law relating to piracy.

His Lordship went on to deal with the relevant statutes and in addition with the law in certain American cases. Concluding by referring to the statute 1 Vict. c. 88, he stated that its language evidently contemplated that violence on a ship might occur where there was intent to commit the crime of piracy either immediately before or immediately after such crime. Violence itself did not make the crime.

Definitions at Fault?

The view that an attack upon a ship at sea by itself constituted a piracy jure gentium and under the criminal law of England was set out in Halsbury's Laws of England and had further the support of Sir James Fitz-James Stephen and the late Dr. Kenny. With great respect to these learned authors it seemed to him that these definitions erred if their purpose was to define the crime as it is punishable by legal proceedings taken in England or in this Court.

His Lordship concluded "I have regarded the jurisdiction of the local court as something carved out of the jurisdiction of the Admiralty. It may be that the High Court of Admiralty sitting to try a person accused of piracy would be bound by the same definition to which common law courts in England have adhered. Wider definitions may have their use where executive action by the Admiralty comes up for consideration.

"For the above reasons the answer which I give to the question of law reserved is that a robbery is necessary to support conviction for piracy in this court."

Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell concurred, whereupon the Chief Justice announced that the conviction against the accused was quashed. The Criminal Sessions will, by Mr. Justice Wood's direction, resume this afternoon, when it is anticipated that he will discharge the accused.

PASSENGER LIST.

DEPARTURES.

Per s.s. President Jackson on March 31:—

Mr. F. B. Anderson, Miss Janice Bell, Mr. A. Bizzelli, Mr. E. Jackson, Mrs. Melville-Collins, Mr. F. Elsi, Mrs. L. A. Garrard, Mstr. John Garrard, Comdr. George C. Logan, Mr. G. C. Logan, Mr. and Mrs. E. Lomato, Mr. E. Minoli, Mrs. M. M. Saleby, Miss Ann Saleby, Miss Sara Saleby, Mr. Paul Schmid, Mr. F. Robert Slater, Major Edwin B. Spiller, U.S.N. Mrs. Edwin B. Spiller, Mrs. Helen Strok, Mrs. Eleanor Clarke Sutton, Mrs. Dorothy Waring, Mr. S. Weiss, Mr. William Van Buskirk, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Green, Mrs. W. H. Agnew, Mstr. Thomas Hodge, Miss Mary Hodge, Mstr. Charles Hofner, Mr. and Mrs. B. Plior, Miss Elizabeth Plior, Mstr. B. H. Plior, Mr. Gregorio Aglipay, Mr. Santiago, Foncier, Lout, Chas. L. Hutton, Mrs. C. L. Hutton, Comdr. Harlow T. Kays, U.S.N., Mr. W. Fox, Mr. J. H. Reisner, Mr. A. McNeary, Mrs. J. W. Fleming, Mr. P. L. Messelier, Mrs. Isabolo de los Reyes, Capt. and Mrs. A. G. Sandford, Mr. Gerhard Schwab, Mr. John Skinner, Mr. Clarence Stark, Mrs. J. K. Steglio, Miss Peggy Steele, Mrs. James S. Waddington, Master Schofield Mr. and Mrs. Larz Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bennett Ford, Miss Janet Ford, Master Fred Bennett Ford, jun., Miss Anger McEwen, Mr. G. P. Melville, Mr. R. N. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Park and two sons, Mr. and Mrs. K. L. Kellogg, Miss Betty M. Kellogg, Mr. Kellogg, jun., Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Achin, Mr. S. Gidley, Mr. H. Halleran, Mrs. Mary B. Pollock, Mrs. L. H. Knapp, Mrs. C. V. Manney, Mrs. P. M. Thornton, Mr. S. O. Gregory, Mr. H. C. Biedermann, Miss P. Hansen, Mrs. L. K. Swenson, Mrs. G. W. Brophy, Miss Caroline M. Braga, Mrs. M. McBrown.

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COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN CHINA MAIL.

Social Functions.

To-day—Tea Dance at Hong Kong Hotel.

To-night—Dinner Dances at Peninsula and Repulse Bay Hotels.

To-morrow—Whist Drive and Social, Gun Club Hill, H.K.S.B.R.A. Sergeant's Mess.

April 11—H.K. University Law and Commerce Society annual dinner, Lane, Crawford's Restaurant 8.30 p.m.

Entertainments.

To-day—King's Theatre; "Monte Carlo."

To-day—Queen's Theatre; "The Gold Diggers of Broadway."

To-day—Central Theatre; "Al's Button."

To-day—Majestic Theatre; "Love at First Sight."

To-day—Star Theatre; "Tea for Three."

To-day—World Theatre; "Story of Movieland," (Chinese picture).

To-morrow—Star Theatre: Music from the Ether (Prof. Martenot).

Sports.

See Sport Diary on Page 8.

Meetings.

April 27—Court of University, 5.15 p.m.

Home Malls.

Friday—Inward from Europe via Nagapatan (Hakusan Maru); Outward for Europe via Siberia (Hakusan Maru), 5 a.m.

Miscellaneous.

To-day—Annual Lenten Sermon at Catholic Cathedral, Glenealy, 6 p.m.

DISASTER TO THE R.101.

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tion of possible causes of these successive movements the report proceeds "How the vessel began to lose gas can never be definitely ascertained. Her rolling was exceptionally bad at stages.

The pitching of the ship would intensify the strain, and the earlier flights had indicated the possibility of leakage through chafing or if the vessel rolled through an unusually large angle through the intermittent opening of the gas valves. But it seems very probable that the more serious and sudden loss of gas which followed was connected with the specific misfortune, such as the ripping of the fore-part of the envelope. Something of this sort had happened on a previous occasion, and no amount of care could secure that it would never happen again.

If the tear had begun in the fore-part of the envelope it would tend to develop into a larger tear which would both check speed and expose the gasbags to an additional strain. This seems the most probable explanation of the further loss of gas in increasing quantity and suddenness. But, whatever may have been the precise circumstances, the explanation that the disaster was caused by a substantial loss of gas in very bumpy weather holds the field. This is the unanimous view of all three members of the Court of Inquiry."

N. V. A. CROUCHER.

Dated the 1st of April, 1931.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the interest of Mr. NOEL VICTOR AMOR CROUCHER in our firm ceased as from the 31st day of March, 1931.

BENJAMIN & POTTS.

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NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that we have to-day admitted Mr. SHI YU-MAN as a partner in our firm.

BENJAMIN & POTTS.

Dated the 1st of April, 1931.

NOTICE.

I HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that I have retired from the firm of Messrs. BENJAMIN & POTTS as from the 31st day of March, 1931, and have opened offices at Exchange Building where I am carrying on business as a Stock & Share Broker as from the date hereof under the style or firm name of "Croucher & Co."

N. V. A. CROUCHER.

Dated the 1st of April, 1931.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

EASTER EXTRA MEETING, 1931.

IN ALL HANDICAP EVENTS, IF THE TOP WEIGHT does not accept, all weights will be raised 5 lb.

Owners of Ponies carrying top weight are requested to notify the Secretary at their earliest convenience whether they intend to accept.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN.

Secretary.

Hong Kong, April 1, 1931.

SYDNEY HARBOUR.

NEW BRIDGE ONE OF THE BIGGEST FEATS.

One of the biggest engineering feats in the world, the Sydney Harbour Bridge, is expected to be open for traffic in September next. The tender was for the construction of an arch span of 1,650 feet and five steel girder approach spans on each side of the harbour, complete with approach piers.

The total length of the bridge is 3,770 feet, and the price which the Government of New South Wales agreed to pay is £4,217,721. Newcastle possesses the largest arch bridge in Great Britain.

Under the arch of the bridge at Sydney one could put nine bridges of the size of the one at Newcastle. The headway for shipping at high water is 172 ft. 8 in. under the centre of the main span, and 160 ft. at the shore ends.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE.

WE have this day admitted Mr. MARCUS THEODORE JOHNSON and Mr. HARRIE VAUGHAN WILKINSON, Partners of our firm at Hong Kong and Shanghai.

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NOTICE.

ON FRIDAY, April 3, and EASTER MONDAY, April 6, All Departments will be CLOSED.

On these days,

The Hong Kong Dispensary, Dispensing Department, will be OPEN for dispensing prescriptions from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 6 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.

On SATURDAY, April 4, all departments will be open as usual.

Hong Kong, April 1, 1931.

NOTICE.

VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of Members will be held on WEDNESDAY, April 8, 1931, at 6 o'clock instead of April 9, 1931, as previously notified.

JAMES STEWART,

Hon. Secretary.

Hong Kong, April 1, 1931.

NOTICE.

WE have to-day admitted Mr. WILLIAM ARTHUR CORNELL of Victoria, Hong Kong, Architect, as a Partner in the Hong Kong Branch of our Business.

PALMER & TURNER.

Hong Kong, 1st April, 1931.

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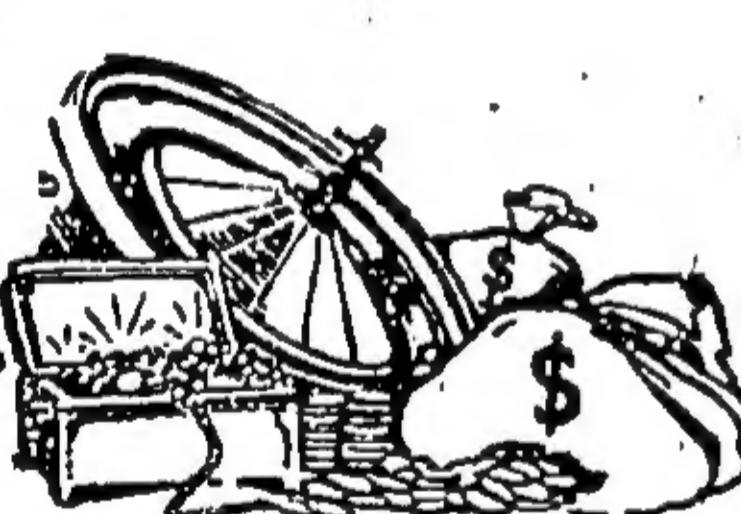
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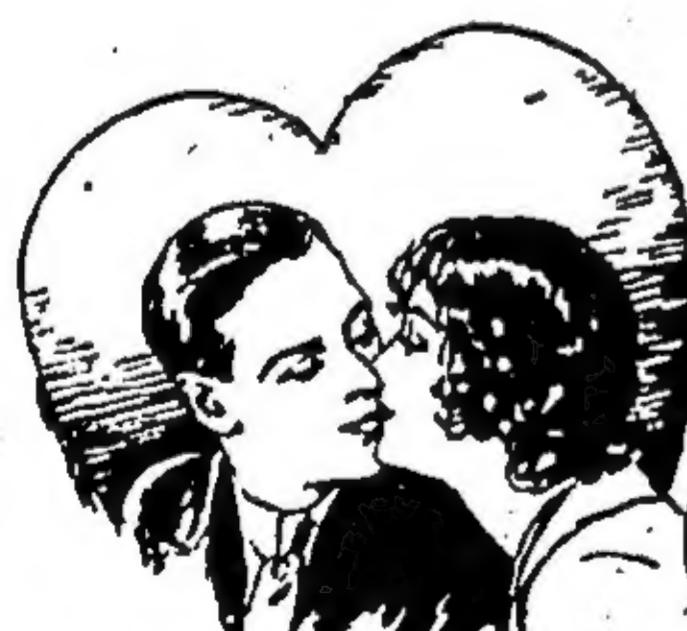
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CAPT. CAMPBELL'S AMBITION.

300 M.P.H.

London, March 7.

Sir Malcolm Campbell, speaking at a dinner given in his honour by "The Field" at the Savoy Hotel, last night, said that his speed car was capable of going very much faster than it had done. He added: "My greatest ambition is to do five miles a minute before I retire from motor racing. It is well within the bounds of possibility. I would not say definitely that this car can do it. The highest speed I reached before I had trouble with the gear was 266 miles an hour."

He felt after than ever before, his standard of driving was better than ever, and he had got more confidence. "He intended to have another shot at it."

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DISPUTE OVER MISS BOBBY HEINE.
S. African Councillors and Wedding Gift.
"ABSOLUTE NONSENSE."

The difficulty of determining precisely the dividing line between amateurism and professionalism in sport has again been brought into prominence by the decision of the Council of Transvaal Lawn Tennis Association.

Miss Bobbie Heine, South Africa's foremost lady player, is to be married at Easter, and a strong feeling has existed among the members that, by giving her wedding present the Association will be enabled to show their appreciation in a small way of the services Miss Heine has rendered to the game. The question arose, however, whether the wedding gift would infringe Miss Heine's amateur status, and a meeting of the Council, held to consider the point, decided that, while the exact wording of the definition of an amateur might not cover such a case, it would be contrary to the spirit of amateur rules.

It was pointed out that since the other leading players received no present when they married an exception in the case of Miss Heine might cause a certain amount of ill-feeling and create a precedent. The Council finally decided that it was undesirable to make an official presentation to Miss Heine, though, naturally, the members of the Association are free to give her wedding presents in their private capacity.

The decision has met with some criticism in England. The "News Chronicle" describes it as "amateurism gone mad"; and a member of the Council of the Lawn Tennis Association dismissed it as "absolute nonsense."

RUGBY FOOTBALL
TO-DAY.

Club "A" Team Against H.M.S. Medway.

The following will represent the Club "A" to play against H.M.S. Medway to-day at 5.15 on the Club ground:

S. J. H. Fox; J. J. Ferguson, G. R. More, G. A. L. Plummer, G. F. Lammert; R. H. Griffiths, G. F. Ferguson; J. H. McElroy, W. E. Peers, E. F. Buttress, F. M. Hartley, E. Mitford, I. McLellan, E. B. Gammell, and B. P. Massay.

DO NOT MISS

"SCRUM HALFS"
description of the game.

in
The China Mail
TO-MORROW.

SHOOTING TRAGEDY.

Man Found Killed With Humane Killer.

Major Richard Porteous, a leading Hampshire veterinary surgeon, was found shot dead at his home, Kent House, Kent Road, Southsea. There was a wound in his head, humane killer which he had borrowed from the police was near. Mrs. Porteous, hearing a noise, found the bedroom door locked. The door was forced, and Major Porteous was found in his dressing room.

A new record was made at the plant of the Great Lakes Paper Company at West Fort William the other day when 347½ tons of newsprint were turned out by the paper machines of the mill in a 24 hour period. This total is 9½ tons greater than the previous record. The product is the standard 32 pound paper. The two machines at the mill are said to be the largest in the world.

CUSTOMS UNION.
IMPELLED BY ECONOMIC DISTRESS.

GERMAN EXPLANATION.

Berlin, Yesterday. Herr Curtius, the Foreign Minister, in a speech in the Reichstag, said that economic anxiety and distress impelled Austria and Germany to take action to equalise their Customs trade conditions, in the hope of improving and extending their trade and industry.

It was difficult to understand the objection that the proposed Customs union affected Austria's independence or violated treaties, or that it endangered peace.

They could not object to Mr. Henderson's intention to submit the matter to the Council of the League of Nations, although they considered that an examination into the legal aspects of the project was unnecessary.—Reuter.

AIR SERVICES.

FRESH PROGRESS REPORTED IN CHINA.

SHANGHAI TO ICHANG.

Shanghai, Yesterday. The Shanghai-Ichang air service, carrying both mails and passengers, was launched this morning, when an amphibian machine set out, piloted by Erich Just, who during the War was a member of the famous "Richthofen's Flying Circus." It is hoped that the service will shortly be extended from Ichang to Chungking and Chengtu.

This afternoon, a meeting of Chinese officials and officials of the Eurasia Aviation Corporation is being held at Nanking to discuss details concerning the establishment of the Nanking-Berlin air service, in connection with which two Junkers aeroplanes recently took off to survey the route between Nanking and Manchouli.—Reuter.

ORIGIN OF MAN.

CONTRADICTORY THEORY TO ACCEPTED BELIEFS.

London, February 21.

Professor J. B. Haldane outlined a theory at the Royal Institution which contradicts most of the accepted beliefs about the origin of man.

He said that it was generally believed that the 'cradle' of the human race was one particular place, namely, the Garden of Eden, perhaps in Egypt, China or elsewhere; but it now seemed probable that humanity began in four different places with each race distinct from the others.

He explained that the study of blood transfusion had proved that all the people of the world were divided into four blood groups, although every country had people of each group of types.

A study of these blood groups had enabled modern peoples to be divided on very broad lines according to their origin.

This evidence shed an entirely new light on the migration of people and tended to discount the generally-accepted theories of anthropology.

Professor Haldane also believed that the origin of cultivation occurred independently in different places. One probably occurred in Egypt and another somewhere between Afghanistan and the Punjab.

DUST TO THE CAFF.

London, Yesterday.

An attempt to dash from England to the Cape in six days in a high speed aeroplane has been launched by the millionaire sportsman Lieutenant Commander Glen Kidston, with the object of impressing the authorities that British air mails can be greatly expedited.—Reuter.

LOSS TO ARMY.

London, Yesterday.

The death is announced of Colonel William Fanshawe Gordon.—Reuter.

EXCHANGES.

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The judge, who had never been seen to smile during four days of sunshine at sea, chuckled sheepishly and looked as pleased as a boy at his first pantomime.

He betrayed the weakness of us all for the simple pleasures of native "sideshows." Every port on the highways of the world has its C. B. Cochran. Sophisticated travellers who abhor music-hall entertainments surrender easily to the magicians, jugglers, and strange comedians who know that human nature is always young and easily entertained if approached in the right way.

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Cobra-Mongoose Act.

I think the cobra-mongoose act, which thrives east of Suez is the best value of all. Harmless though the cobra may be, he causes an uneasy thrill every time he lifts his wicked hooded head and looks instinctively for a victim. It is worth the effort to see his furtive advance on the nearest spectator, ready to strike, only to be yanked back ignominiously by the tail before he is able to make even a gesture of hate.

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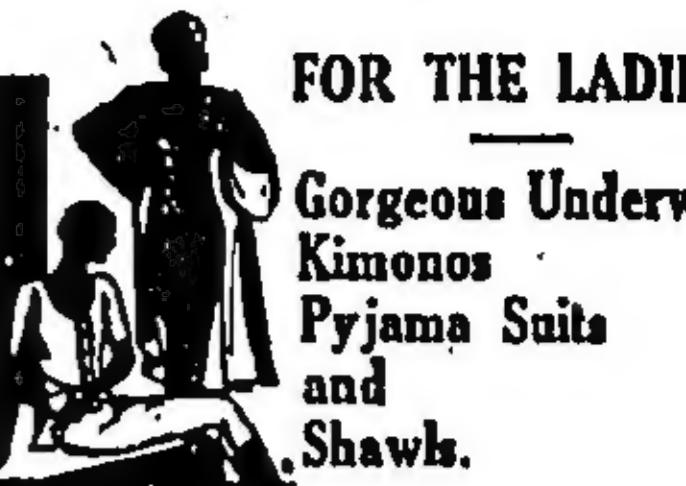
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as the possible murderer, and as Tardi was left-handed, the police had the theory that it was he who fired the shot that ended Lingle's career.

Lying face downwards in pools of blood two victims of the latest St. Louis gang feud were found dead by a milkman on his rounds.

They were identified as Leo Orlando, of the "Cuckoo" gang, and

Isidore Katz, a hanger-on of the

same gang. They were discovered several hours after they had been killed, their deaths being just one more incident in the continual gang warfare of the west.

Orlando, who was 28, had a record of over 100 arrests. In 1927 he was, with two others, charged with the midnight murder of a doctor. The three were acquitted but Orlando's two accomplices were later murdered.

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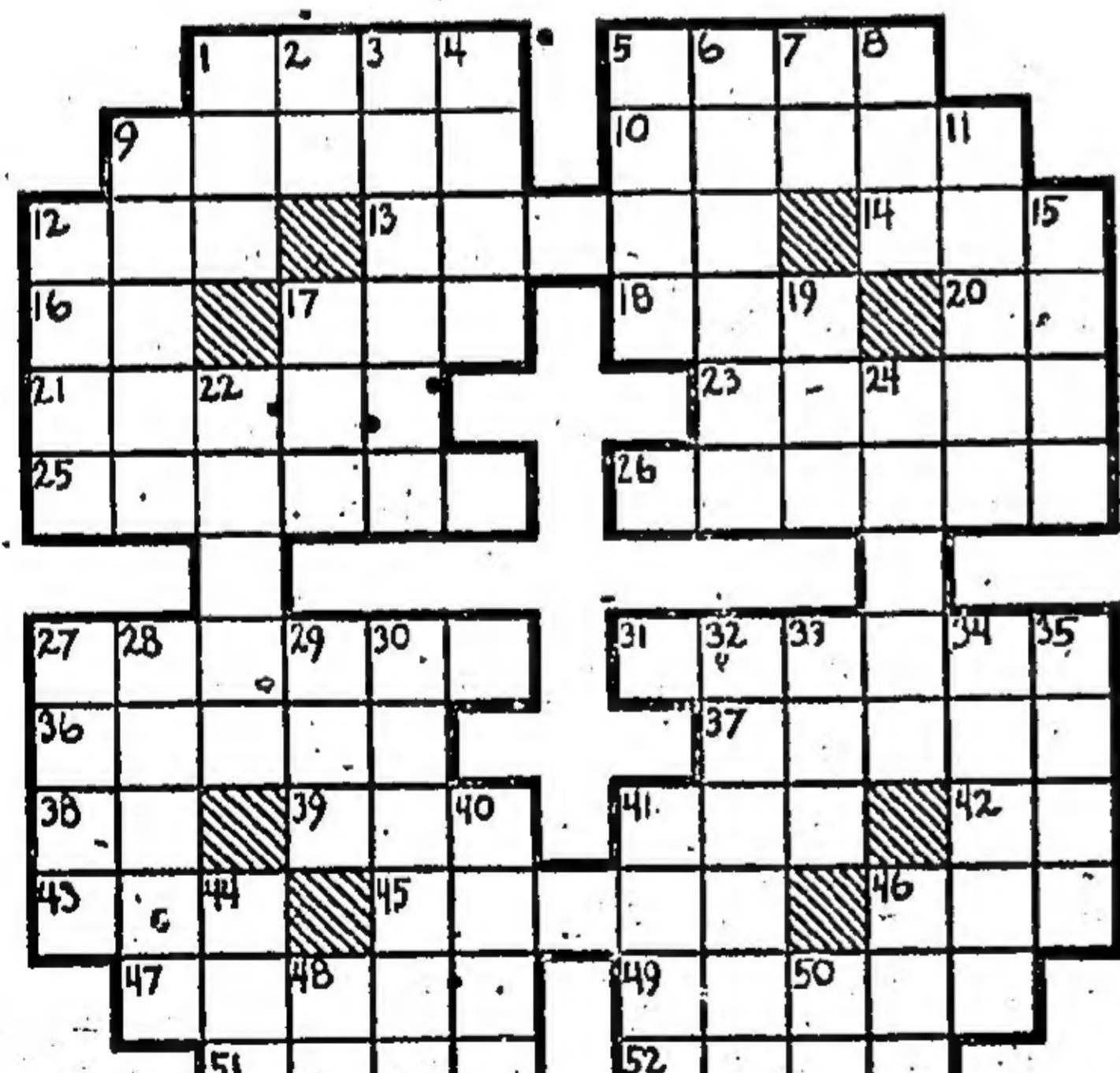
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(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



MUSIC • DRAMA • FILMS.

PANTOMIME AND TALKIE.

Philosophy of Charles Chaplin.

Because the silent or non-dialogue picture has been temporarily pushed aside in the hysteria attending the introduction of speech by no means indicates that it is extinct or that the motion pictures screen has seen the last of it, writes Charles Chaplin to the New York Times. "City Lights" is evidence of this. It is non-dialogue but synchronized film.

Why did I continue to make non-dialogue films? The silent picture, first of all, is a universal means of expression. Talking pictures necessarily have a limited field, they are held down to the particular tongues of particular races. I am confident that the future will see a return of interest in non-talking productions because there is a constant demand for a medium that is universal in its utility. It is axiomatic that true drama must be universal in its appeal—the word elemental might be better—and I believe the medium of presentation should also be a universal rather than a restricted one.

Understand, I consider the talking picture a valuable addition to the dramatic art regarding of its limitations, but I regard it only as this sort of thing makes a convincing uncle, who, at first rigidly anti-pathetic to everything connected with shows and show girls, is finally convinced by "Jerry?" (one of the "diggers," played by Nancy Telford), that chorus girls are a hard working and highly moral lot. Until then he had apparently been living in the nineteenth century.

Winnie Lightner, not unknown to London vaudeville patrons, is largely responsible for the success of the show. Her fun-making is of the boisterous order, but it comes at the right time. Too little is seen of dainty Ann Pennington, still one of the best dancers on either stage or screen. Nancy Telford plays brightly, and the rest of the cast carry on the good work in satisfactory manner.

The plot serves as a peg upon which to hang several songs. Most of the songs are good. Some of the singing is not.

But all in all, the picture was quite well received, and will be found worth viewing.

The ubiquitous Al Jolson, in a "trailer" told all and sundry how good his next production is. To a certain section of patrons, trailers are merely nuisance to be tolerated. This particular one is more than usually tiresome.

ROUND THE CINEMAS MELODY AND MIRTH AT THE QUEEN'S.

"THE GOLD DIGGERS."

A gold digger, as no doubt local film followers are by now aware, is a young lady who extracts expensive presents from her admirers, without adequate return. In the picture now showing in the Queen's Theatre the gold diggers are five ladies of the chorus, who apart from this one little weakness are perfectly respectable, albeit a little noisy. The plot, from this slight preamble, can be reconstructed without too great a mental effort. Its interpretation requires a dazzling beauty chorus of one hundred people.

On the whole, the mere men take the honours in this picture. Conway Tearle, who is too good an actor for this sort of thing, makes a convincing uncle, who, at first rigidly anti-pathetic to everything connected with shows and show girls, is finally convinced by "Jerry?" (one of the "diggers," played by Nancy Telford), that chorus girls are a hard working and highly moral lot. Until then he had apparently been living in the nineteenth century.

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AN AUDIENCE AND SOUND.

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As remarkable as the growth of talking pictures is the development of the audiences' critical attitude toward the quality of sound in the productions.

When the dialogue films first appeared the cinema enthusiast was satisfied that the screen images talked. He did not demand naturalness and was quite content if the meaning of the actor's lines could be caught. Noises of all sorts crept into the picture; he did not seem to mind. He even liked and demanded all sorts of noises.

Now, however, the spectator has definitely lost that attitude. He wants, expects and demands near perfections.

The voice of Greta Garbo in another Garbo picture should sound like Greta. He must understand every word in every actor's speech.

Recently during the showing of a talker in a Broadway film theatre an insistent humming sound came from the screen. The lines of the

actors could be plainly heard and understood even though the irritating sound continued. The audience remained silent only long enough to determine that this sound was coming from the screen, then it broke into a tumultuous clapping and stamping of feet. Eighteen months ago the audience would have sat in silence. But not to-day. If the audience does not get its sound in the manner to which it has been accustomed, it lets the theatre know in no uncertain way.

This change of attitude on the part of the public has come as a result of two developments. First, the novelty of talking pictures has worn off—people are no longer interested simply because they talk—and second, so many improvements have been made in the talkers that the public has accepted, probably unconsciously, a higher standard of quality in sound reproduction.

Watching Sound Effects Scientifically.

Much of the credit for improving talking films goes to the motion picture producers, who have made great advances in recording pictures. But there is another group which deserves a large share of the credit for this improvement. They have had nothing to do with the recording of pictures. Their job is to see that pictures are properly shown in theatres. They know that no matter how good a picture may

be, its excellence will be destroyed if it is not projected properly.

Careful Inspection.

However, due to careful inspection of the equipment, emergency calls are becoming more and more rare and this is one of the reasons for the great improvement in talking picture performances. Programmatic interruptions, due to the failure of the sound equipment in Western Electric equipped theatres, amounted to one interruption in every 200 shows in January, 1929. Now, as has already been stated, there is only one interruption in every 1,600 shows. In Greater New York the average time taken by a theatre after he has received an emergency call is only 22 minutes and the time for clearing trouble averages fifty-seven minutes from the time the service engineer receives his emergency call.

Besides this staff there are also acoustic engineers, recording engineers, laboratory men and many others who contribute their part in making shadows talk.

More than 7,000 theatres throughout the world are equipped with Western Electric sound systems. Eleven hundred of them are in Great Britain, 300 in Canada and 300 in Australia. There are some in China, the Dutch East Indies, India, Japan, Finland, Iceland and in at least sixteen Latin-American countries. —Exchange.

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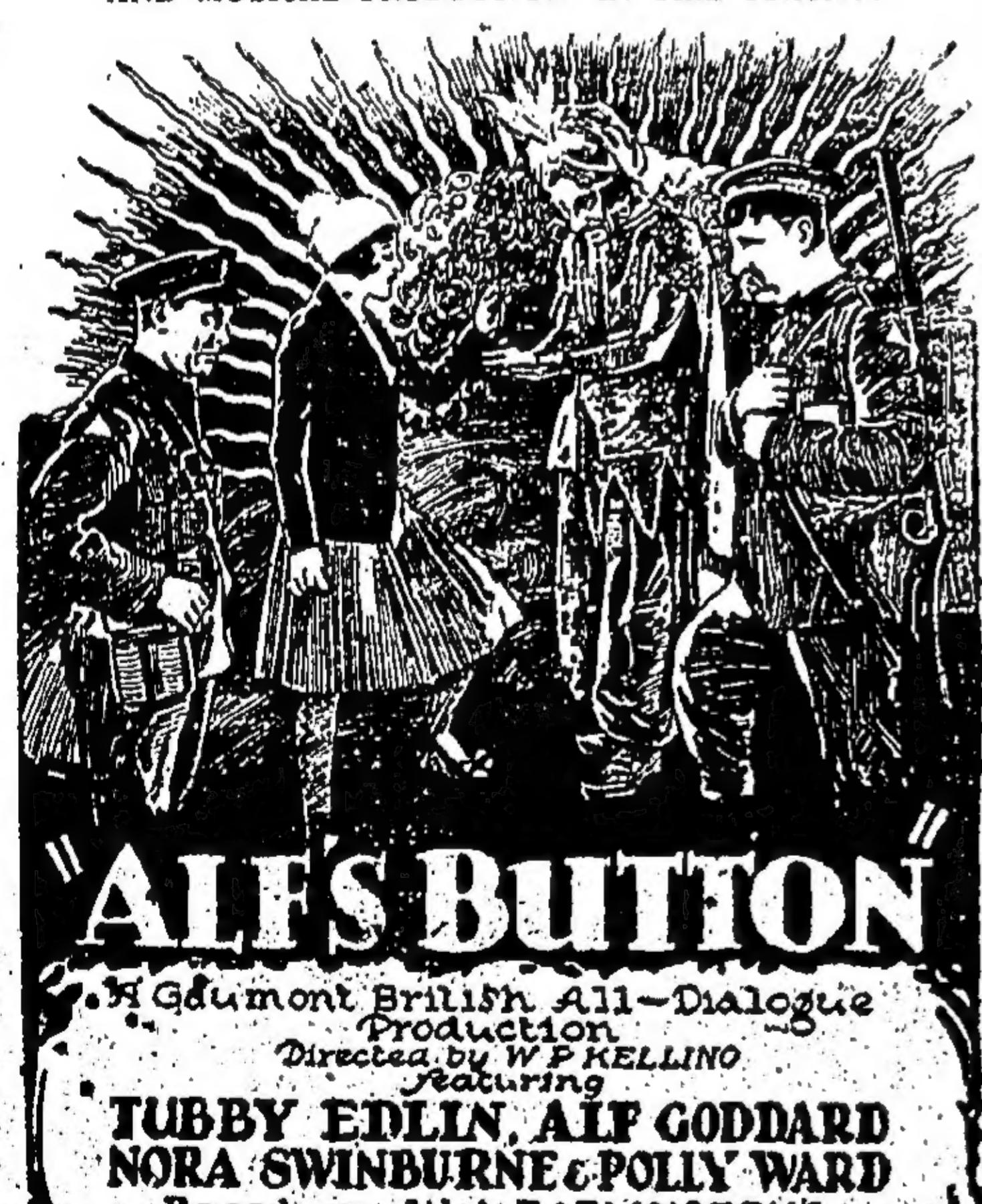
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HIS "ELEVEN POINTS."

Karachi, Yesterday. A storm of noisy enthusiasm resounded throughout the town at midnight, denoting the termination of Congress, whose final act was the unanimous adoption of a resolution consisting of an elaboration of Gandhi's famous "eleven points," forming the official definition of "Purna Swaraj," demanding an Indian native Government endowed with various fundamental rights; laying down a catalogue of detailed provisions, including the abolition of the salt duty; a new exchange and currency policy; the reduction of military expenditure by at least half; the fixation of a wage for industrial workers; the protection of Indian cloth by the exclusion of foreign yarn; total prohibition, and the limitation of Civil Servants' salaries to £450. "Under the Swaraj," declared Gandhi, "even the Viceroy will not be paid more than 500 monthly."

He added that the foregoing would represent Congress demands at the resumed Round Table Conference.

The final session was protracted by the President's ruling that no decision should be reached until the return of Hindus and Moslems, who were temporarily absent praying.

Moslems Murdered.
Cawnpore, Yesterday.

The situation is steadily improving and military pickets have been withdrawn from certain areas, but owing to the fear of outbreaks of disease and further trouble, the inhabitants of the affected areas are taking refuge elsewhere. The principal bazaars remain closed.

Several Moslems are reported to have been killed and their houses burned down in villages near Cawnpore, whether a strong force of Police has proceeded.

Earlier News.

Karachi, Yesterday. On the proposal of Gandhi, the Subjects Committee of the All-India Congress has decided upon the fundamental conditions of Swaraj Government. These conditions are: the total prohibition of liquor, the limitation of the salaries of State officials to £450 a year, the exclusion of foreign cloth and yarn, and the exclusion of income tax on agricultural income and inheritance tax.

Reuter.

PRINCE'S BEDROOM RANSACKED.

Theft by Prominent
Young Argentinian.

JEWELLERY RECOVERED.

New York, Yesterday. It is revealed that while the Prince of Wales and Prince George were enjoying the hospitality of Buenos Aires on March 14, Prince George's bedroom in the British Embassy was broken into and ransacked, personal jewellery of a considerable value being stolen, but it was recovered by the Police. The thief is alleged to be a prominent young Argentinian. — Reuter's American Service.

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Rugby, Yesterday. Commander Glen Kidston, with Lieutenant Cathcart Jones as Assistant Pilot, and Wireless Operator Johnson, left Netheravon, Wiltshire, this morning for Cape Town, which he hopes to reach in six days. The present record established by the South African airman, Casparuthus, is 8½ days. Commander Kidston is proceeding via Athens, Cairo, Nairobi, Broken Hill, and Cape Town—British Wireless Service.

Arrival in Naples, Yesterday. Commander Glen Kidston arrived here to-day. — Reuter.

LONDON BROKERS DISAPPOINTED.

Fiasco of Lancashire Cotton Issue.

LACK OF CONFIDENCE?

London, Yesterday. The City is very disappointed with the result of the Lancashire cotton issue. The underwriters are left with 96 per cent, so that only £80,000 has been taken up by the public. — Reuter.

COMPANY DIVIDEND

HONG KONG ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION.

The Directors of the Hong Kong Engineering and Construction Company, Limited, will, at the meeting of shareholders to be held on April 22, recommend the following allocation of profits, after writing off \$16,819.57 for plant and machinery, motor trucks, motor-junk, etc. — To pay a dividend of 15 per cent, viz., 30 cents per share \$ 28,650.00

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HISTORIC JOURNEY OF FAMOUS SHIP.

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It was a particularly interesting job for the old ship, for she was originally designed to run in the Indian Ocean trade, preferably to Colombo, where her mighty cargo would be distributed into smaller ships for India and Australia, but the bankruptcy of her original owners owing to the time she took to be launched had caused her to be bought for the New York run, a service for which she was in no way fitted and in which her wonderful coal capacity and other features were absolutely wasted.

This cable job showed that she had many advantages on a long run, but by then it was too late to make any commercial use of her.

London, Yesterday. In the House of Commons today, to a question which another member suggested was "more suitable for the Grand Guignol Theatre than the Commons," Dr. Drummond Shiels, of the India Office, said that 956 male and 768 female children, aged three or under, were found dead in the streets of Hong Kong in 1929. — Reuter.

Lord Passfield stated in the House of Commons recently that it was impossible to make a large population of Chinese bury their dead children. The Government had been striving for years to prevent the practice. The finding of the corpses of infants in the streets of a big city was not uncommon, and the number found in London was somewhat considerable.

NEW U.S. MINISTER UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE APPOINTED.

Washington, Yesterday. President Hoover has appointed Mr. W. S. Castle, Junior, as Under-Secretary of State in succession to the late Mr. Joseph Cotton. — Reuter's American Service.

Thirty-two new industries were established in Manitoba in the year 1930, while 16 established industries added new lines and 12 expanded their factories.

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